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SUBJ: SYG ASKS SC CONSENT TO APPOINT SIILASVUO PERMANENT
UNEF COMMANDER

1. IN LETTER TO PRES OF SC NOVEMBER 8, SYG EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT GENERAL SIILASVUO COMMANDER OF UNEF IF COUNCIL AGREES. TODAY SC PRES JANKOWITSCH CIRCULATED LETTER TO COUNCIL MEMBERS PROPOSING THAT, UNLESS ANY MEMBERS OBJECT, HE BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM SYG THAT SC MEMBERS CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION INFORM JANKOWITSCH THAT US CONCURS WITH HIS PROPOSED REPLY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF LETTERS:
A. LETTER FROM SYG TO COUNCIL PRES

A. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE PURSUANT TO SC RES 340
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"YOU WILL RECALL THAT FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THAT RESOLUTION, ON THE SAME DAY, I PROPOSED IN A LETTER TO THE PRES OF THE COUNCIL CERTAIN INTERIM MEASURES IN ORDER THAT THE EMERGENCY FORCE SHOULD REACH THE AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED ME TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY PROPOSAL. ACCORDINGLY I IMMEDIATELY APPOINTED MAJOR GENERAL ENSIO SIILASVUO, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO, AS THE INTERIM COMMANDER OF UNEF.

"IT IS NOW MY INTENTION, IF THE SC CONSENTS, TO APPOINT GENERAL SIILASVUO AS THE FORCE COMMANDER. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

"PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH-EST CONSIDERATION."
/S/ KURT WALDHEIM

B. CIRCULAR LETTER FROM SC PRES TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

"THE ATTACHED COPY OF A LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1973 FROM THE SYG ADDRESSED TO THE PRES OF THE SC IS CIRCULATED HEREWITH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SC FOR THEIR ATTENTION AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRES.

"IN THIS CONNECTION THE PRES OF THE SC WISHES TO PROPOSE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SC THAT, UNLESS THERE IS ANY OBJECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, HE BE AUTHORIZED TO REPLY TO THE SYG AS FOLLOWS:

'I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1973 BY WHICH YOU INFORMED ME OF YOUR INTENTION TO APPOINT GENERAL SIILASVUO, AT PRESENT INTERIM COMMANDER OF THE UN EMERGENCY FORCE, AS THE FORCE COMMANDER, IF THE SC CONSENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST I HAVE BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

'IN REPLY I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SC GIVE THEIR CONSENT TO THIS APPOINTMENT.'

"IF NO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL RAISES OBJECTION, THE PRES OF THE SC WOULD ASSUME THAT HE IS AUTHORIZED TO DISPATCH THE ABOVE MENTIONED REPLY AND HAVE THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ISSUED IN DOCUMENT FORM."

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3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING FIND OUT FROM SECRETARIAT WHETHER IT IS FORESEEN THAT SIILASVOU'S COMMAND WILL CONTINUE TO COMPRISE UNTSO.
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